# Data, Data, and more Data ... Filling in the Achievement Gaps in Montana's Urban Districts



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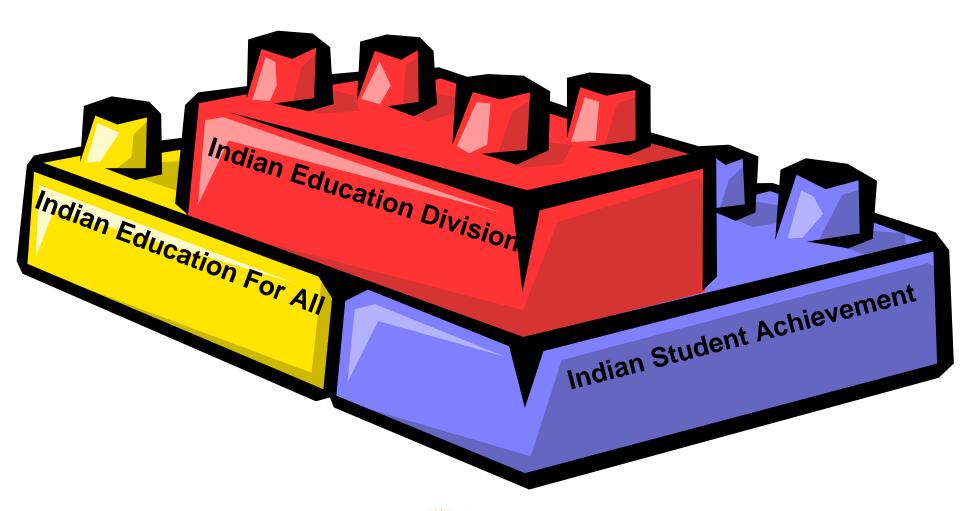
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# Secretary of Education Arne Duncan on Indian Education and Montana





### "Challenging the Status Quo"

- "The magnitude of the challenge" that lies in front of us if we believe we can improve our schools for kids
- It is time to "do something different"
- We will all have "personally failed" if we don't turn our schools around ... it is time the adults in the system raise expectations and do a better job because our kids are worth it, they are "smart, committed and passionate"



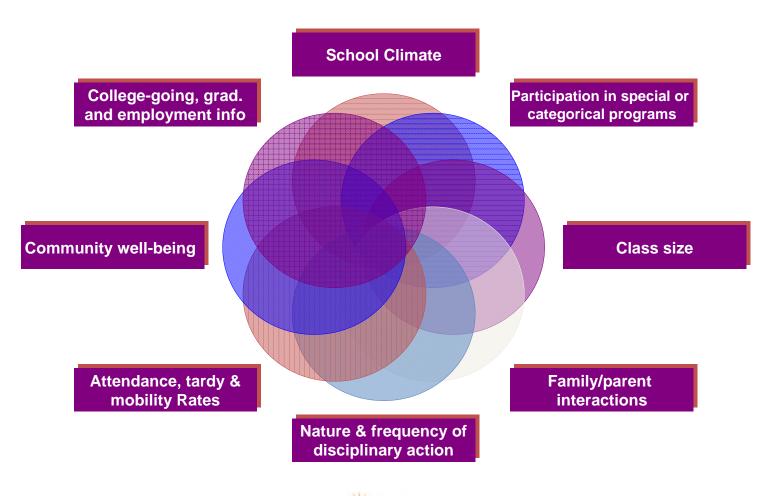
#### OPI Collected Data Sources to Explore:

- 1) Population Data
- 2) Criterion Referenced Test (CRT)
- 3) NAEP data
- 4) Dropout Data
- 5) Completion Data
- 6) Special Education Data
- 7) Suspension/Expulsion Data
- 8) Advanced Placement data
- 9) SAT/ACT data
- 10) Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data



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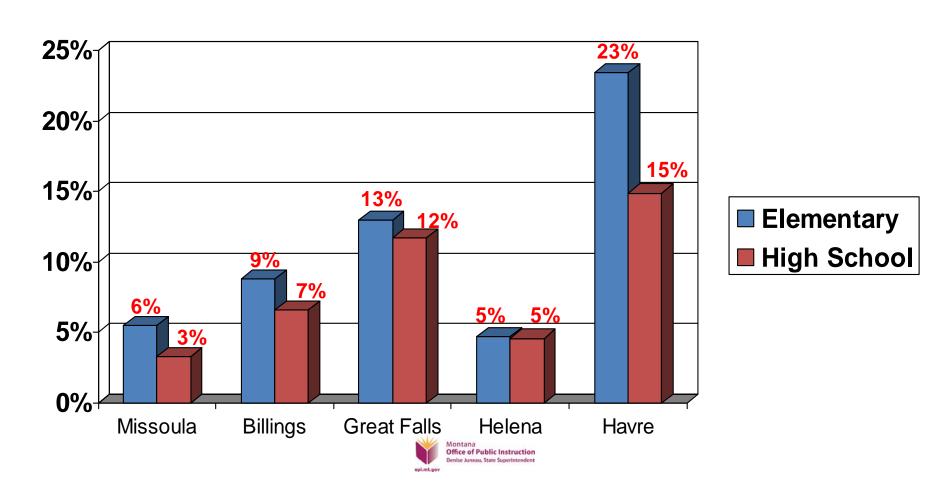
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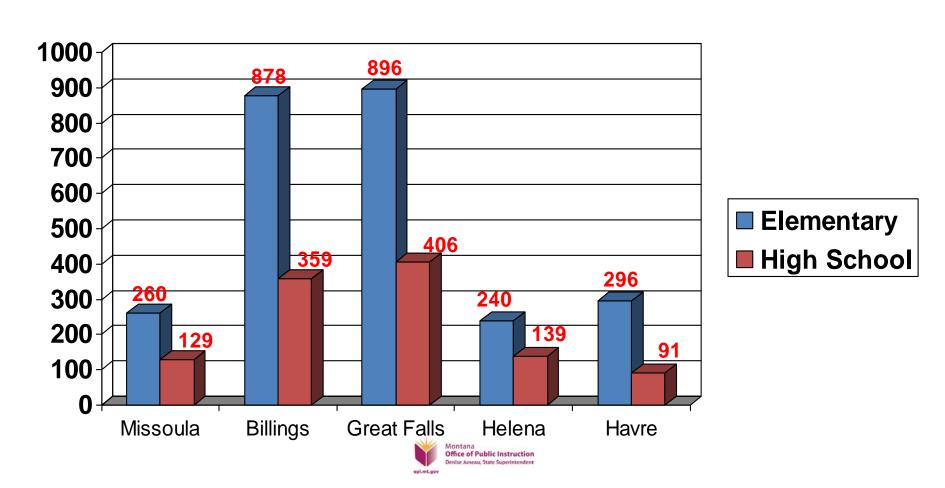
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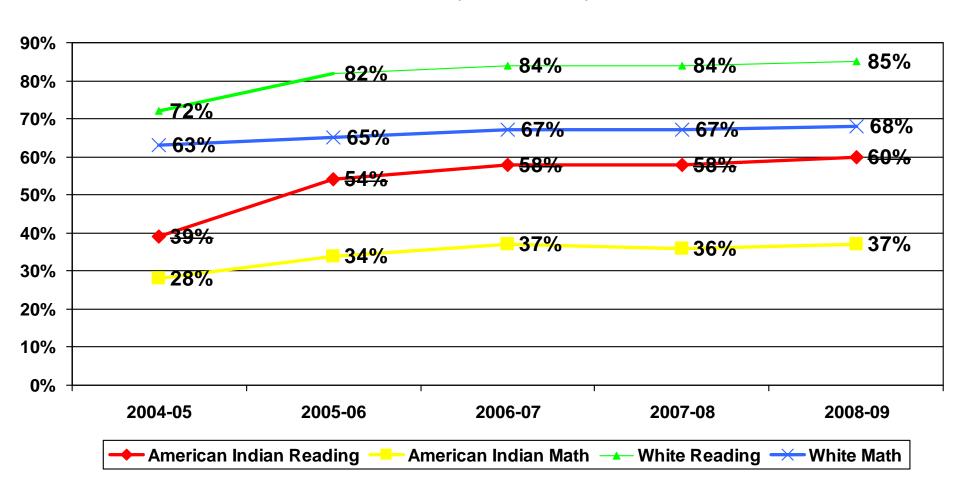
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#### **CRT Five Year Trend Data**

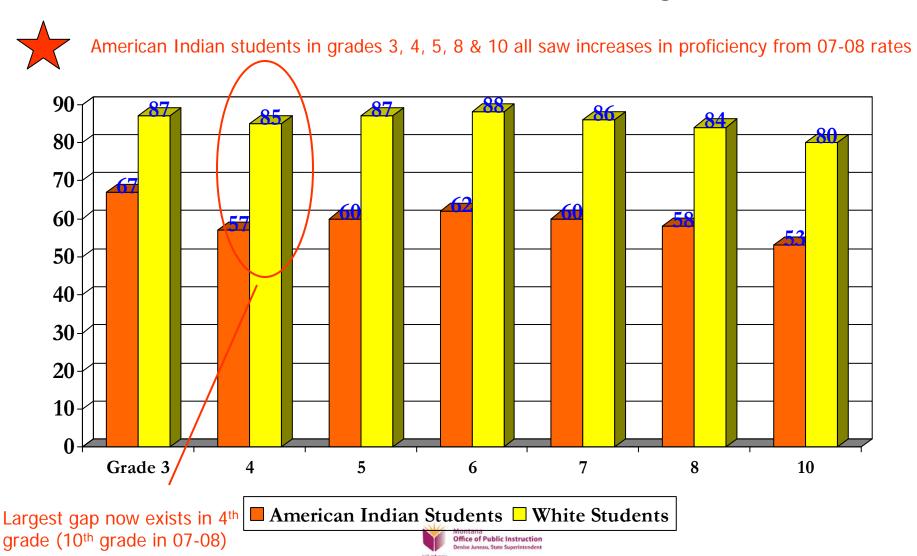
Percent Proficient & Advanced, by Race/Ethnicity, All Grades Combined





### 2008-09 CRT Reading Scores

**Proficient & Advanced Percentages** 

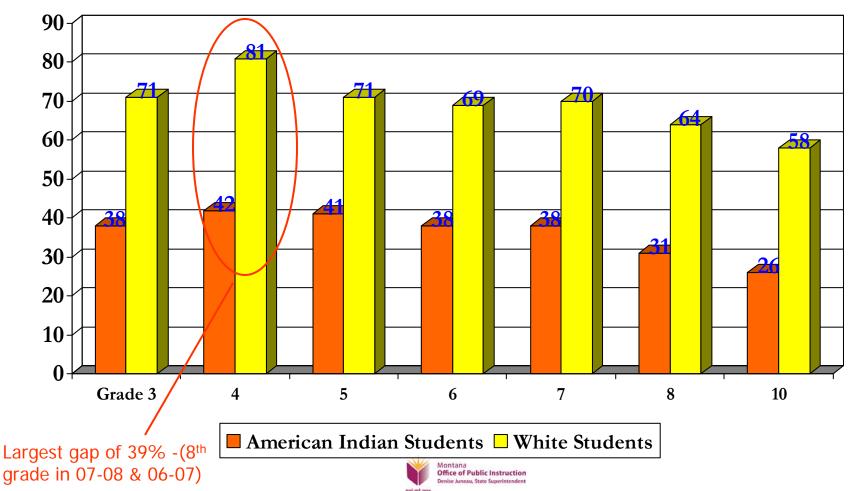


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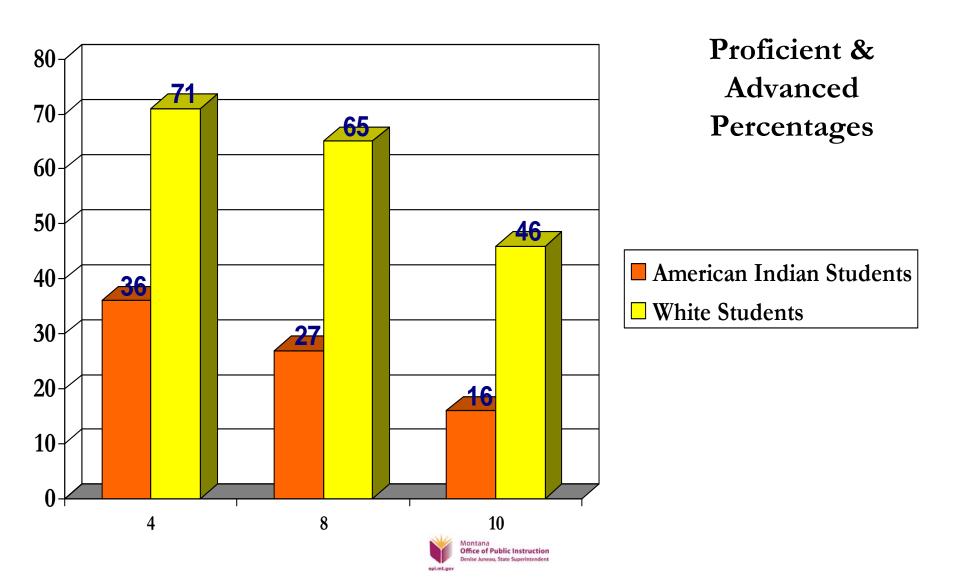
#### **Proficient & Advanced Percentages**



American Indian students in grades 4, 5, 6 & 7 all saw declines in proficiency from 07-08 rates

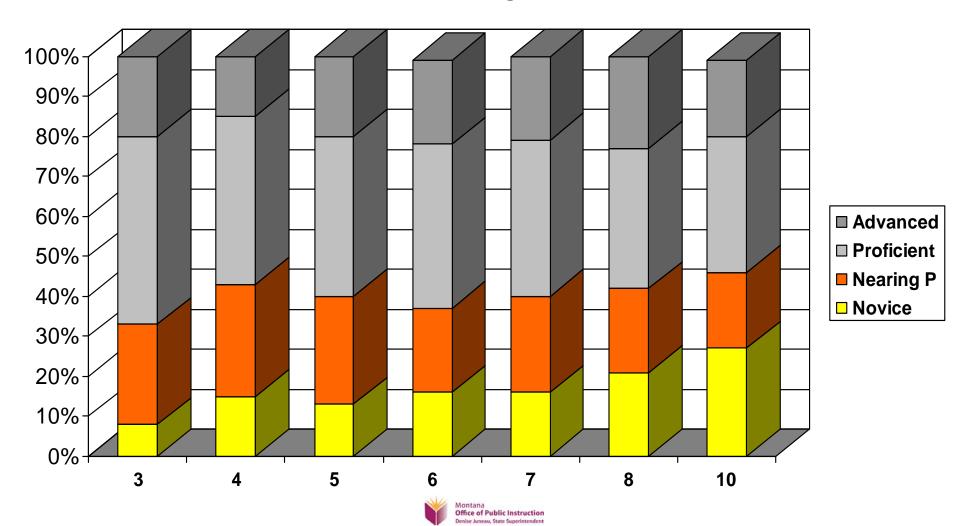


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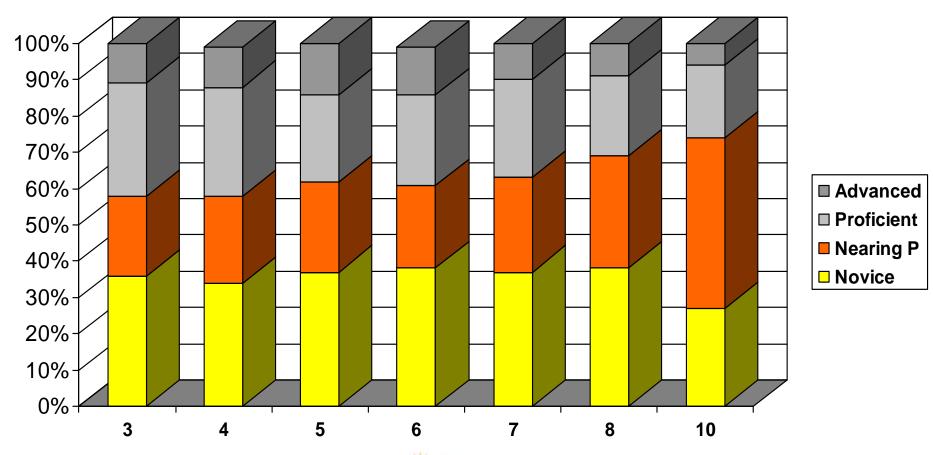
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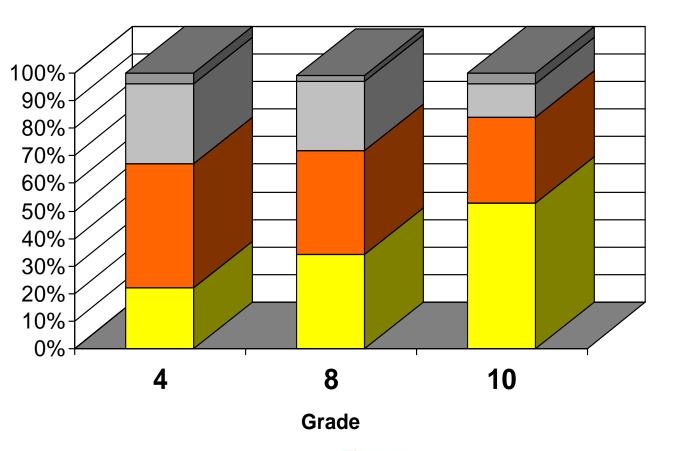
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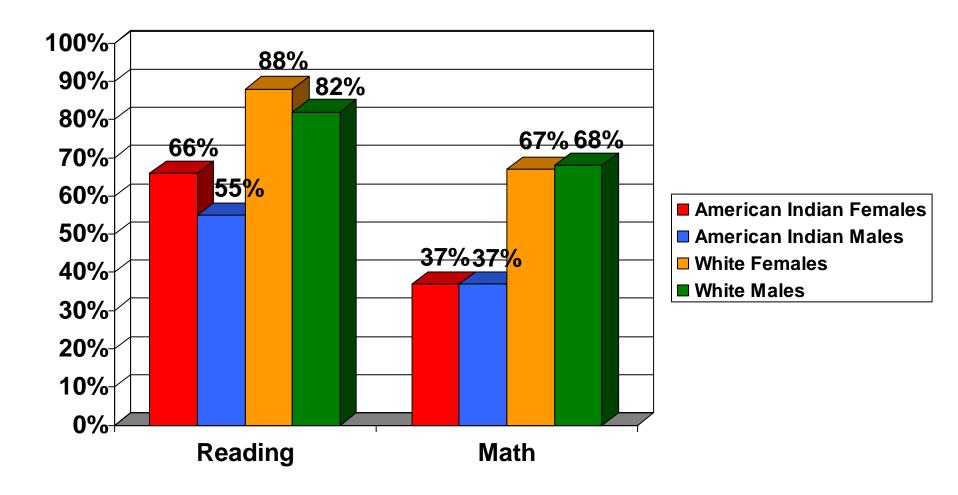
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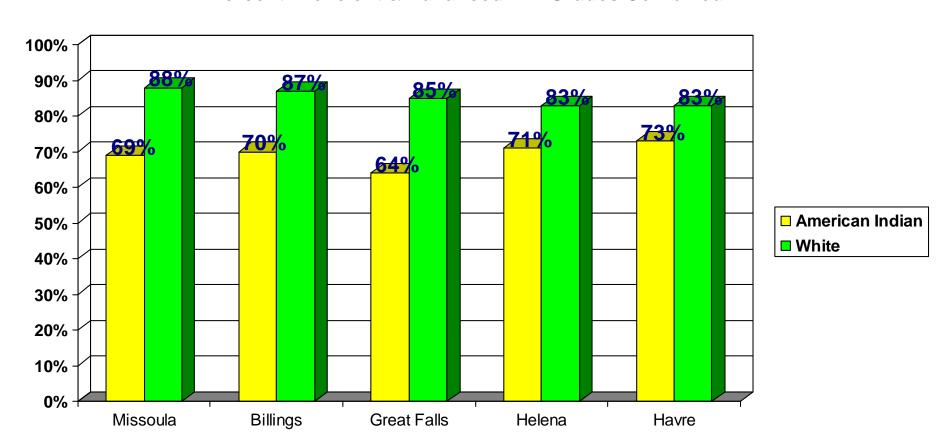
# 2008-09 CRT Data by Race/Ethnicity & Gender





## 2008-09 CRT Reading

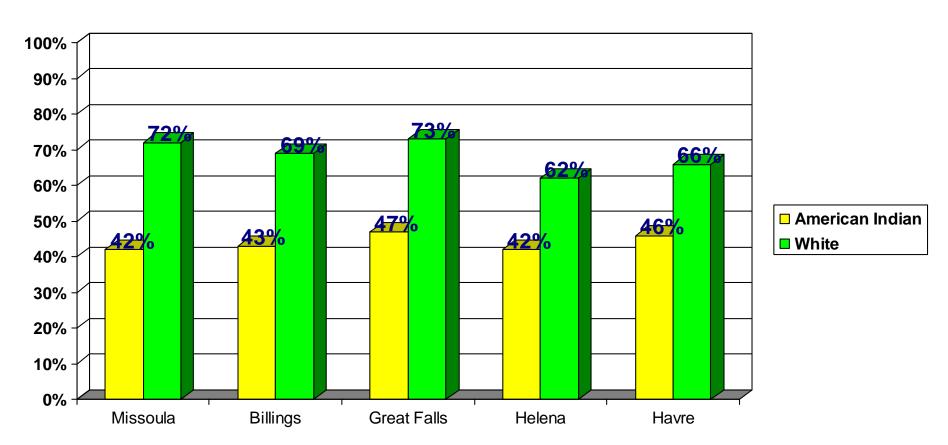
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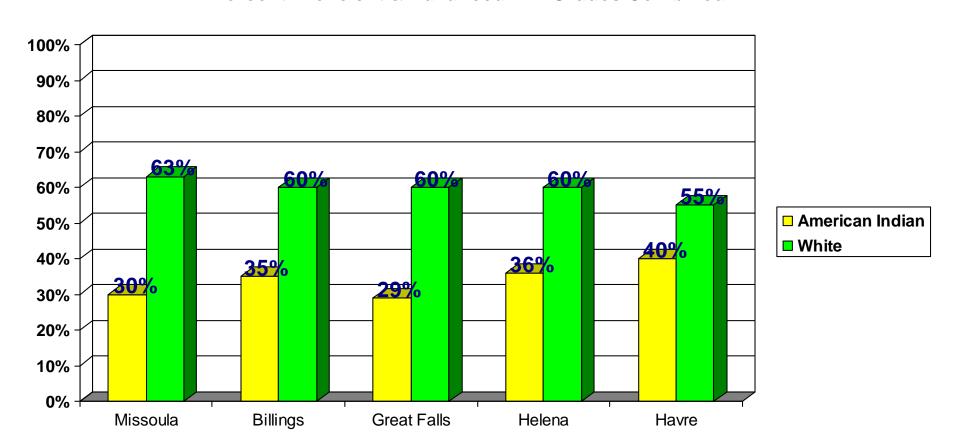
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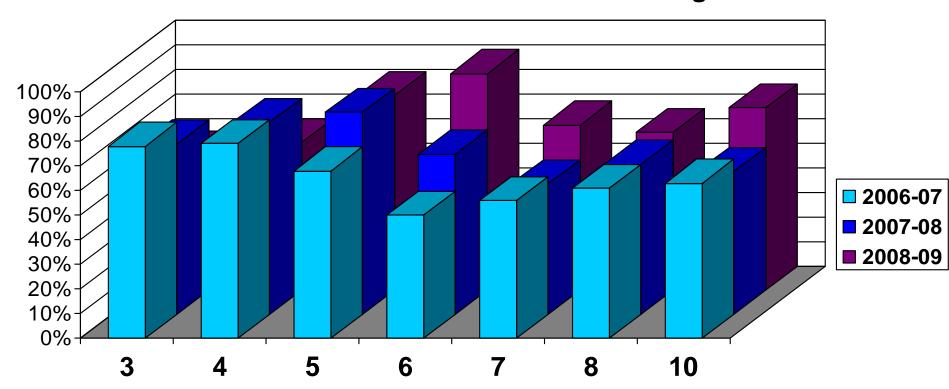
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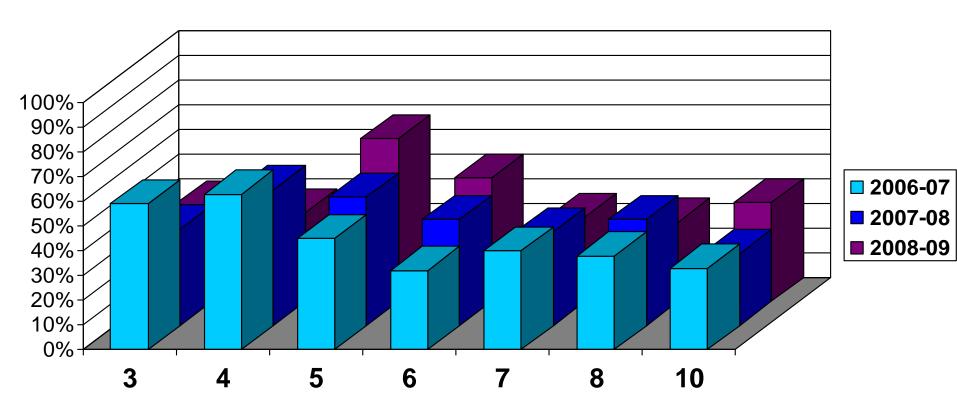
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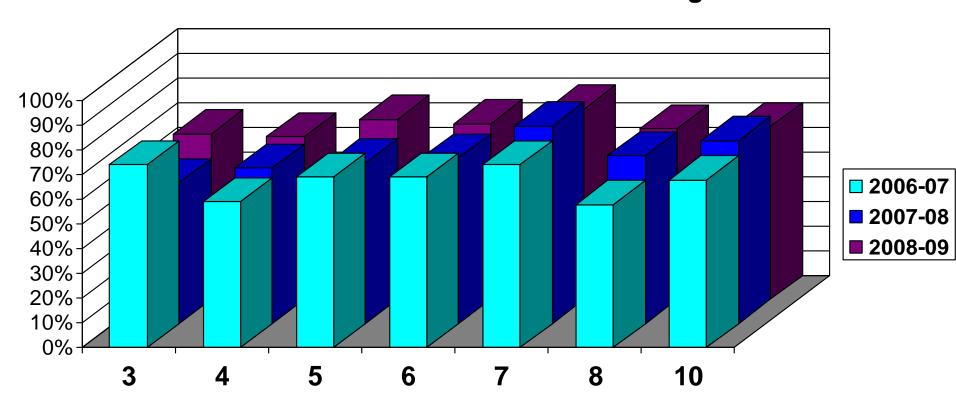
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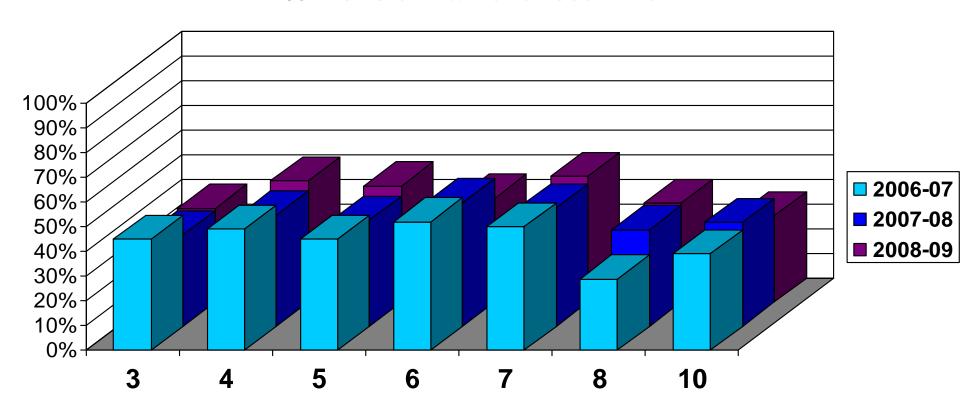
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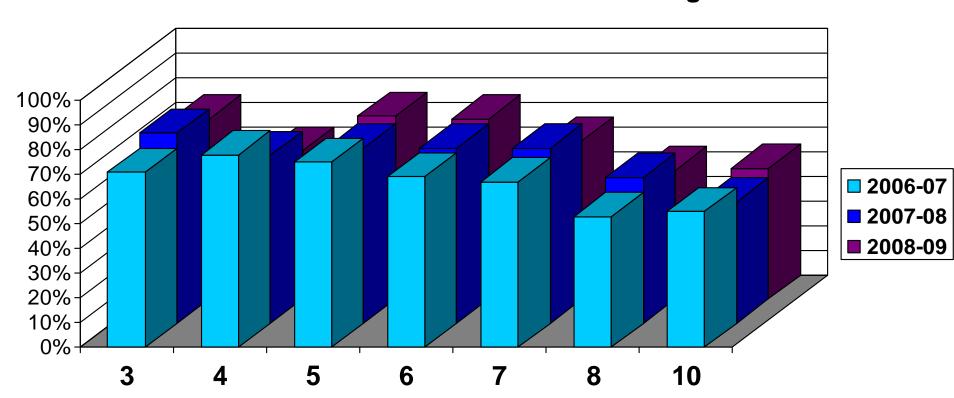
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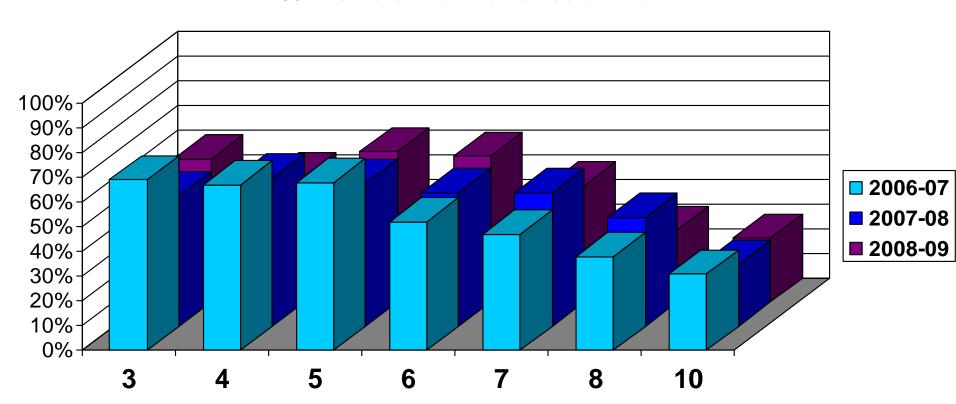
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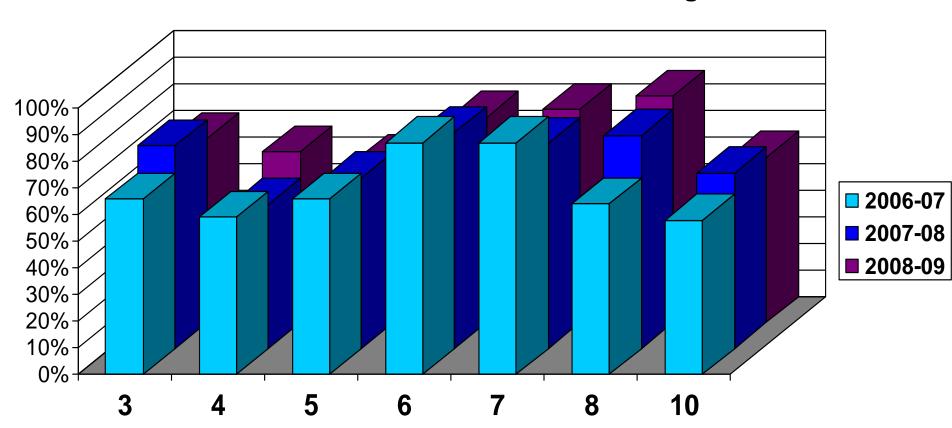
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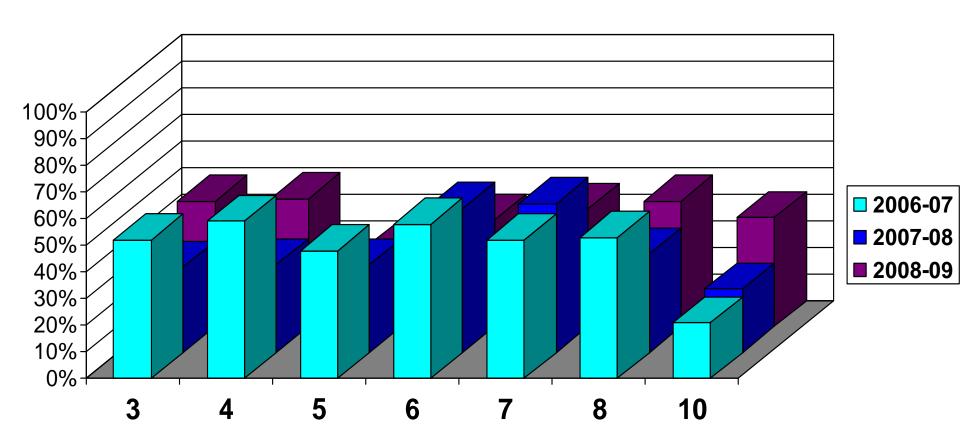
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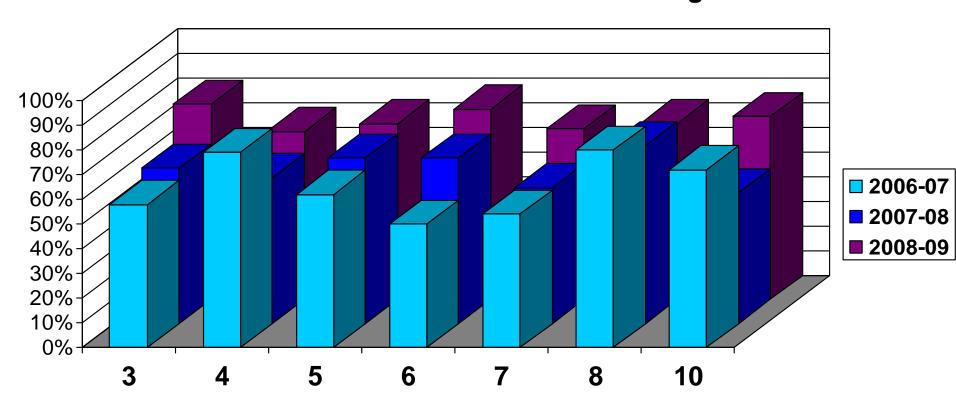
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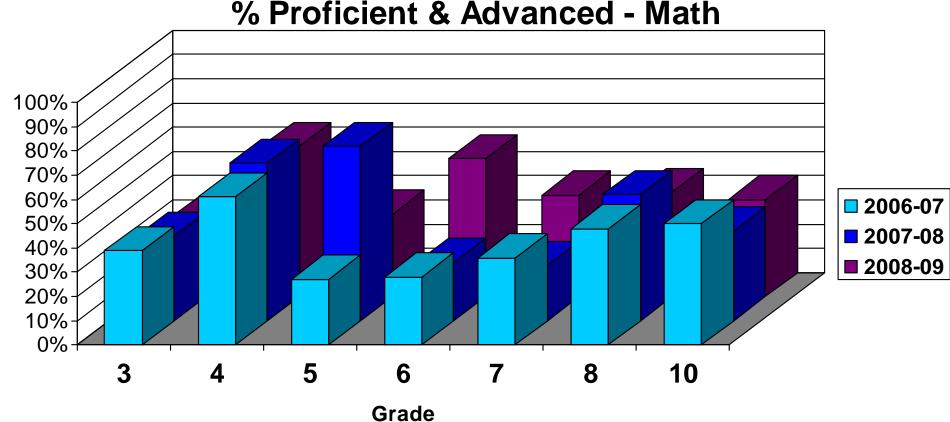
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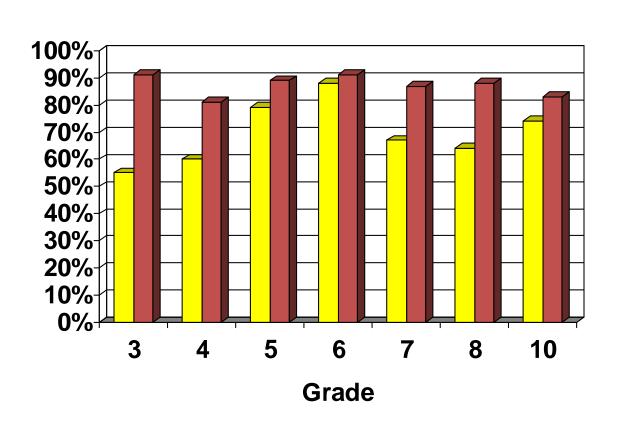






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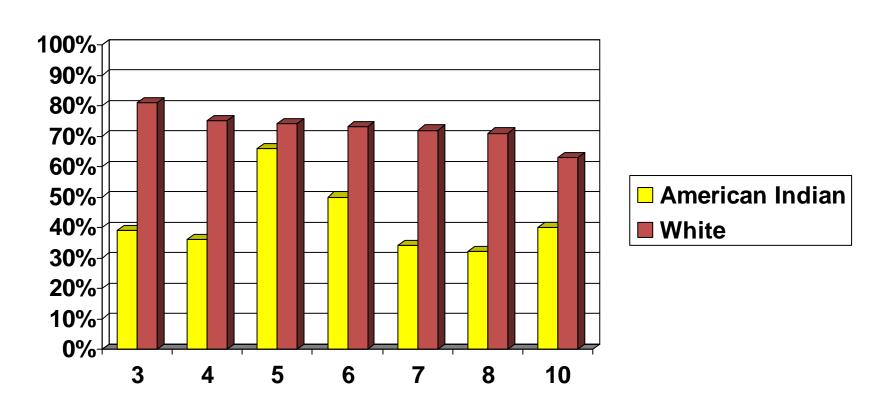






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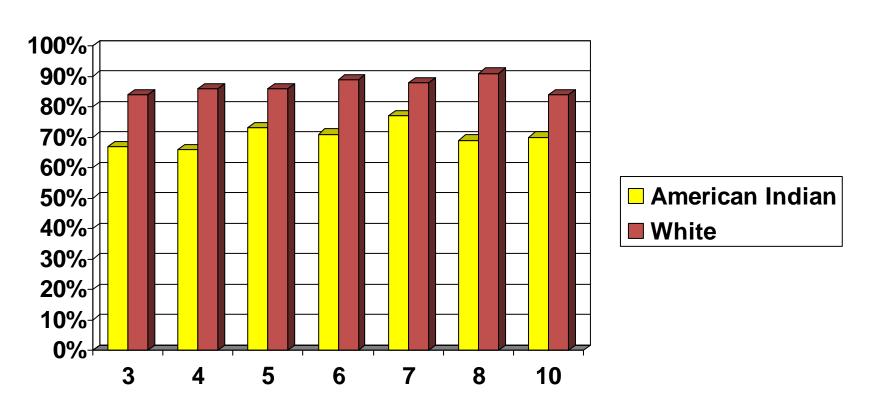
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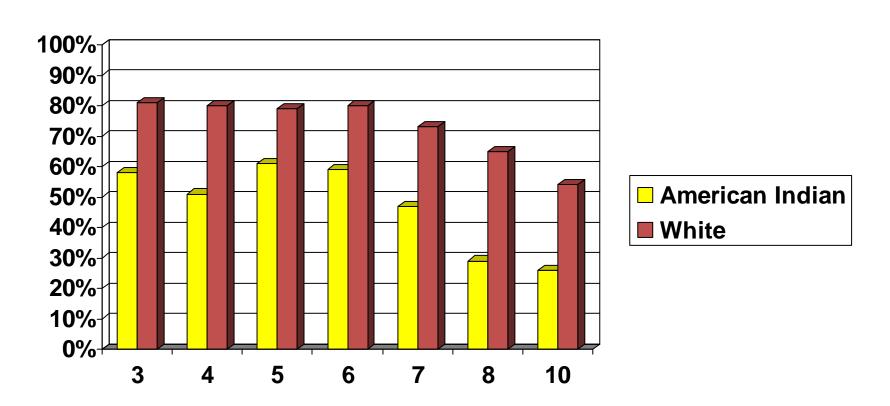
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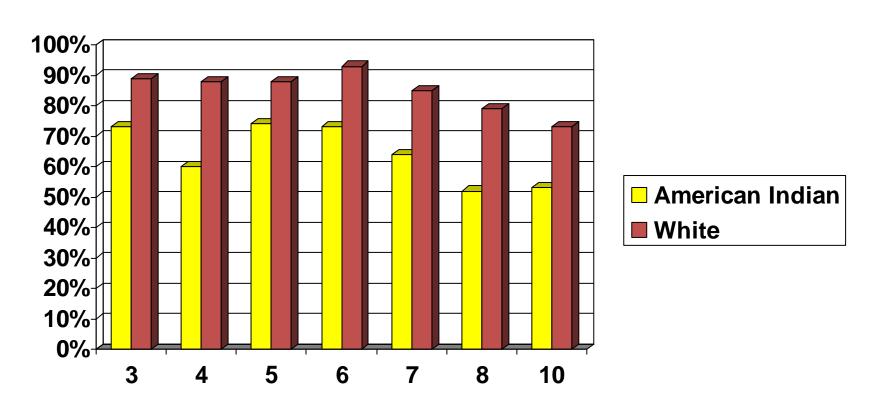
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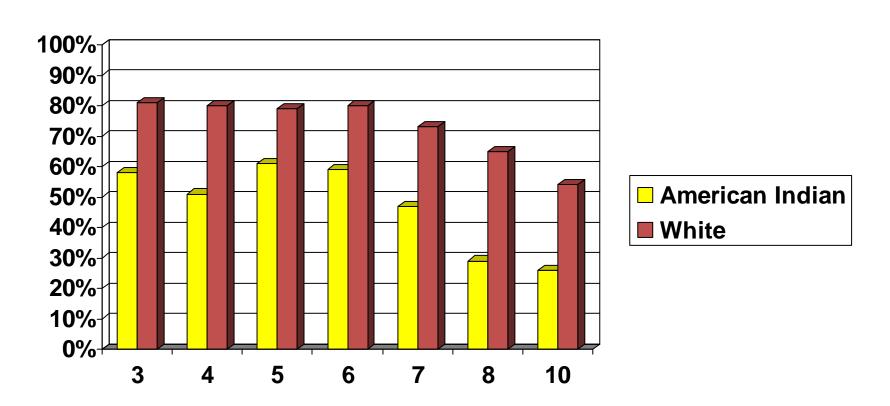
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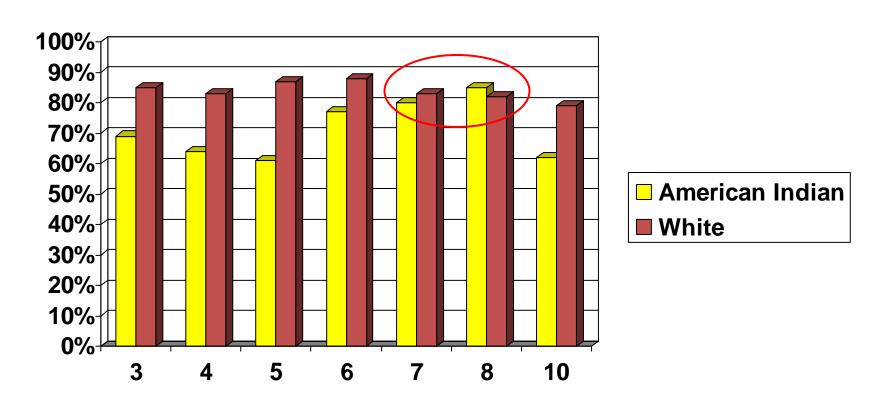
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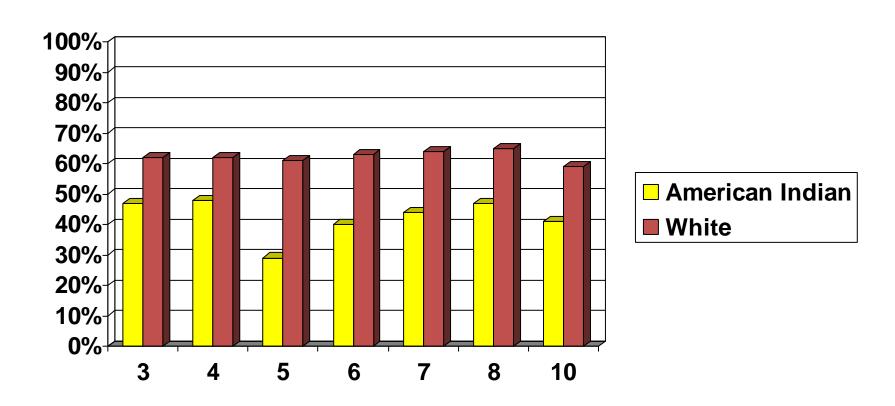
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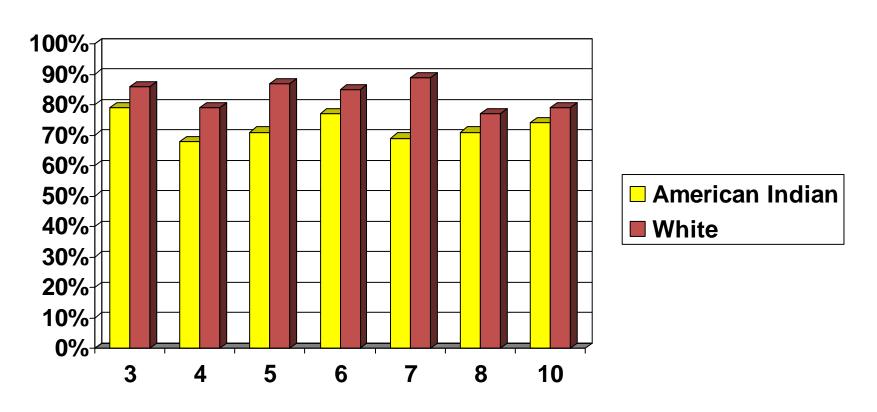
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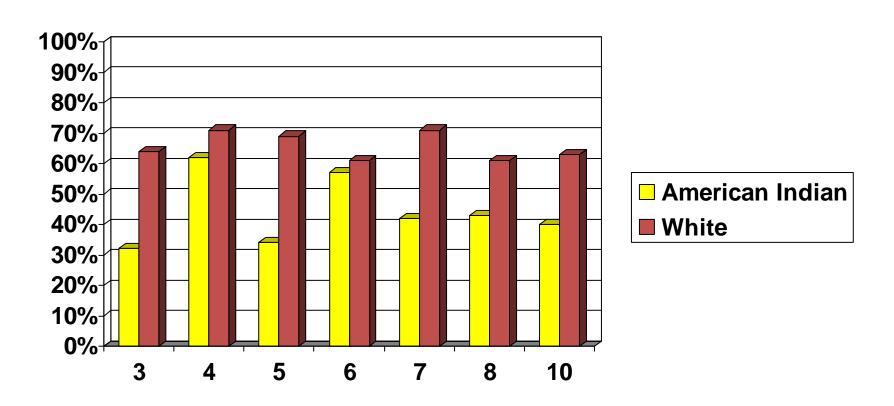
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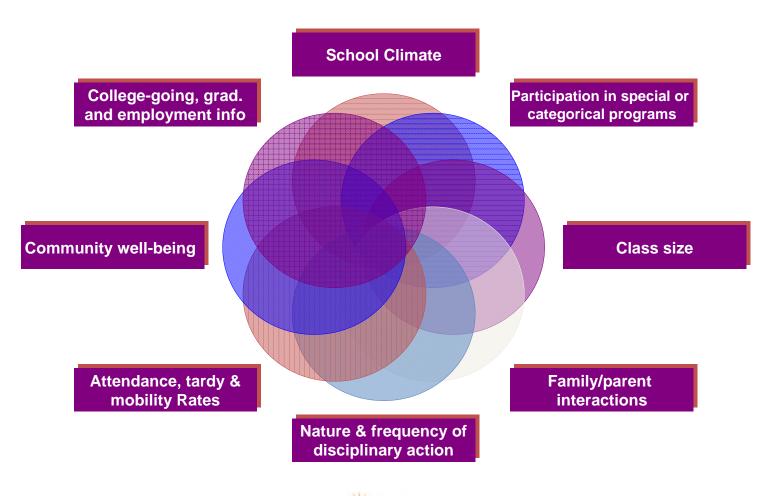
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### **Dropout Rates**

In Montana, of those students who entered school as 9<sup>th</sup> graders in 2003, an estimated 3,074 students dropped out. If these students had graduated, their total lifetime additional income would have been **\$799,180,200**.

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### **Dropout Fast Facts**

• On average, American Indian students dropout of grades 7/8 at a rate more than 14 times that of white students and out of high school at a rate of 2.5 times that of white students

• In the past five years, American Indians represented only 11.4% of the total school enrollment for grades 7/8, but accounted for 64% of the dropouts. For high school, American Indians represented 10.4% of the total school enrollment and 23% of the dropouts.



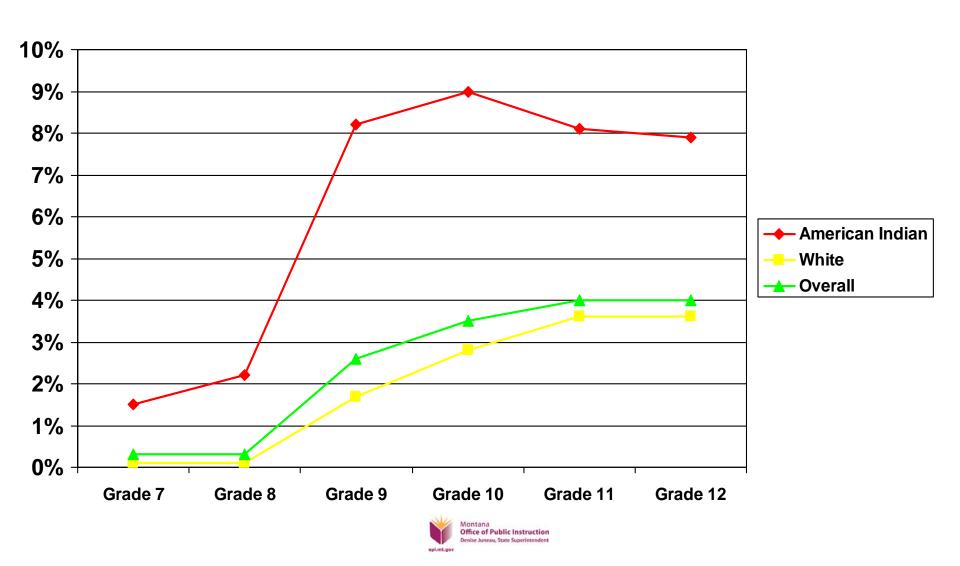
#### Seven Year Montana High School

Dropout Rate Trends by Race/Ethnicity Categories

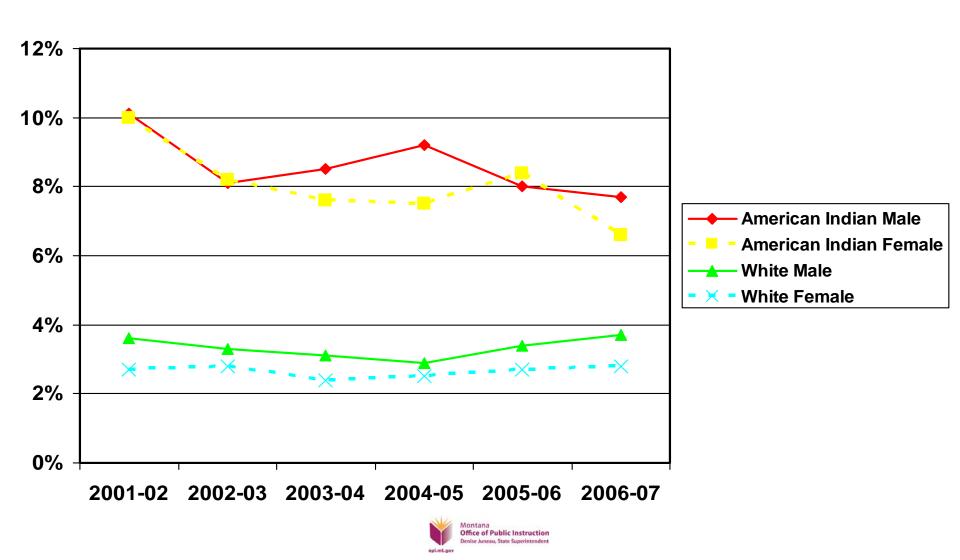




## Statewide Five Year Dropout Rates (2002-2007) for Race/Ethnicity Categories and by Grade Level



## Dropout Rates for Race/Ethnicity Categories by Gender for Grades 9-12



### MT Dropout Rate by District Size

Over the past five years, 1H districts have had the highest dropout rate for American Indians

#### High School Enrollment Categories

(1H) more than 1,250 students

2H = 401 to 1,250 students

 $3H \Rightarrow 201$  to 400 students

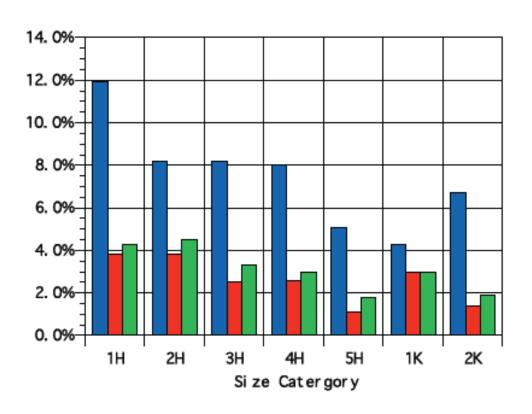
 $4H \neq 76$  to 200 students

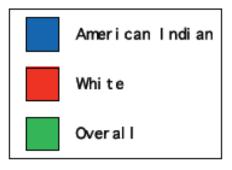
5H = 75 or fewer students

The number of dropout increased for every size category except for students in the 3H districts



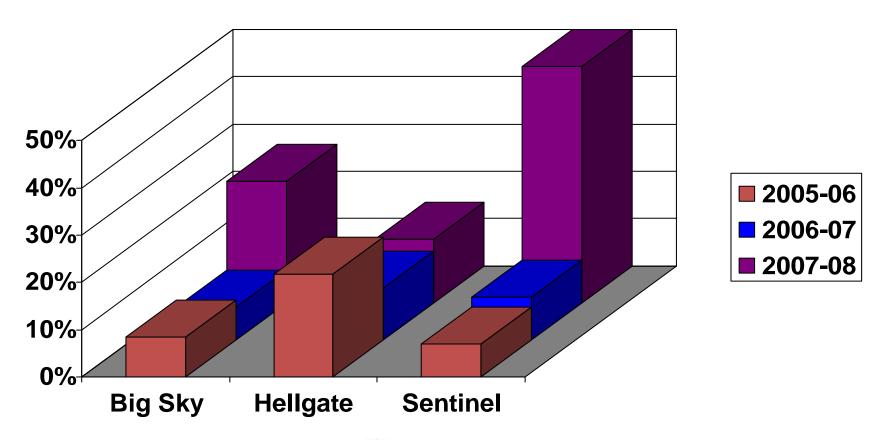
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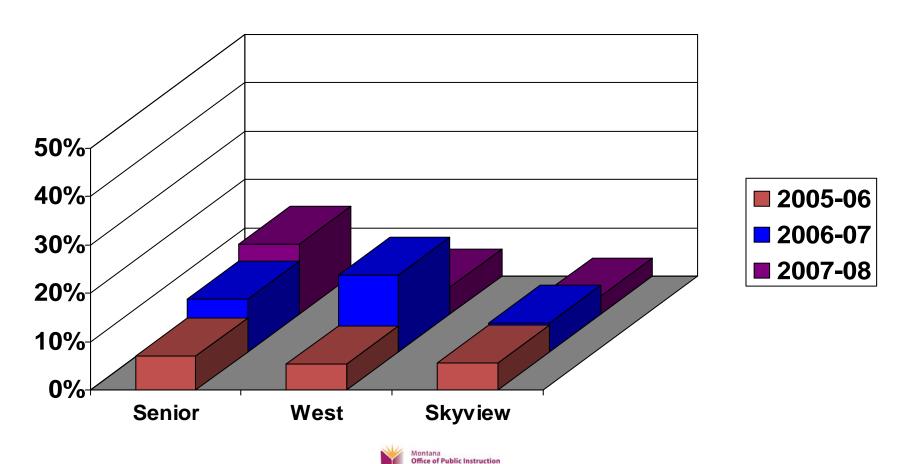


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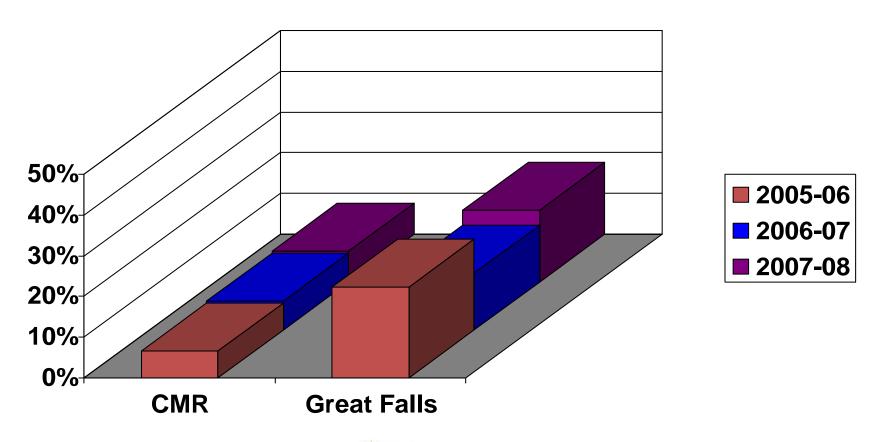




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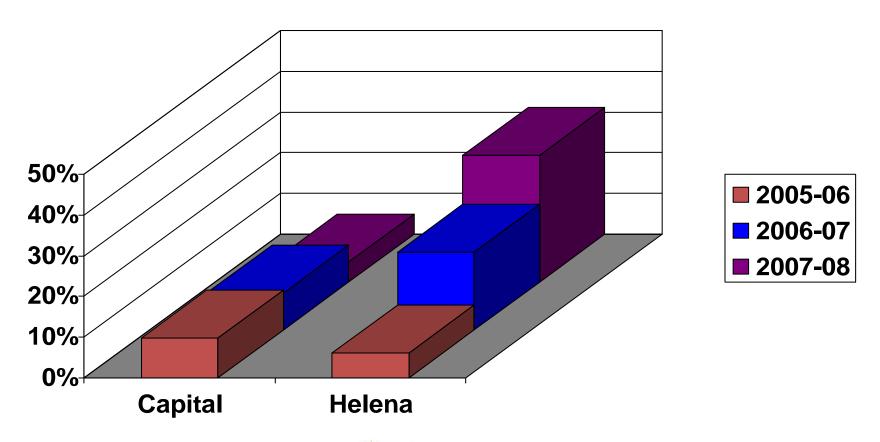


## Great Falls Dropout Rate Over Three Year Period





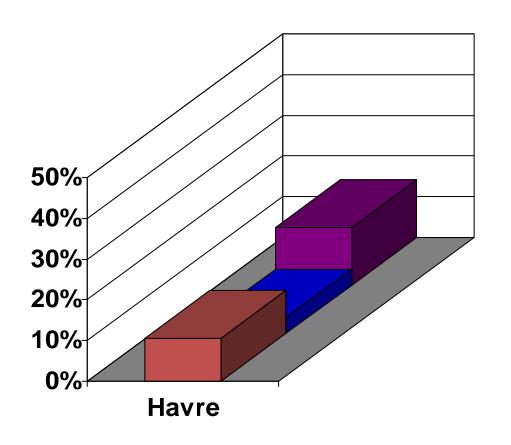
## Helena Dropout Rate Over Three Year Period





## Havre Dropout Rate Over Three Year Period

#### **American Indian Students**

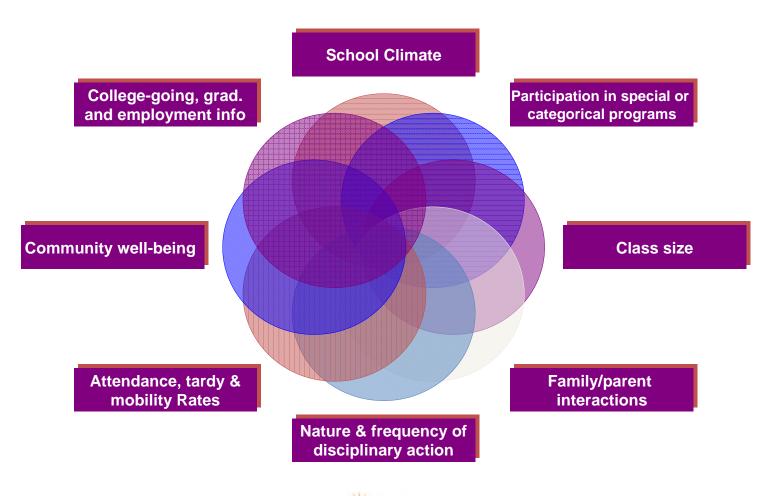


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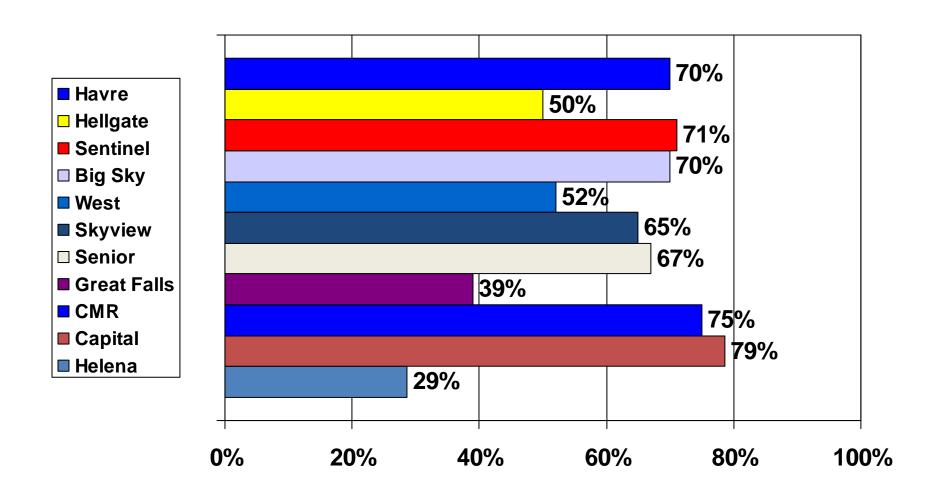


## **Completion Rates**





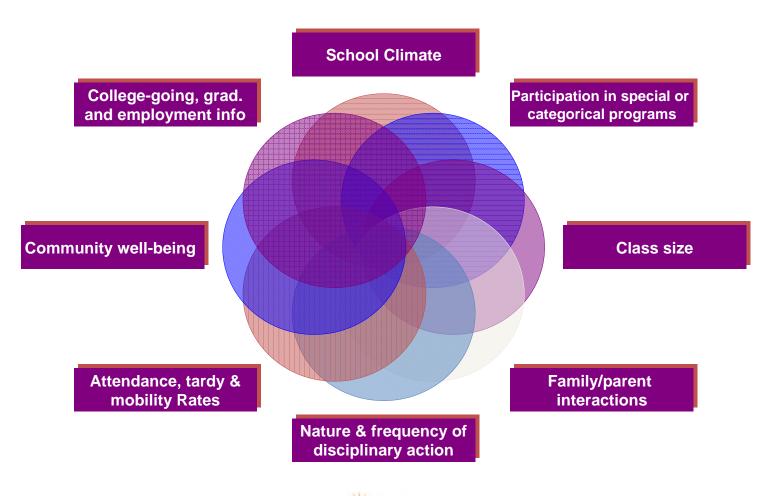
#### 2008 Completion Rates Among Urban Schools





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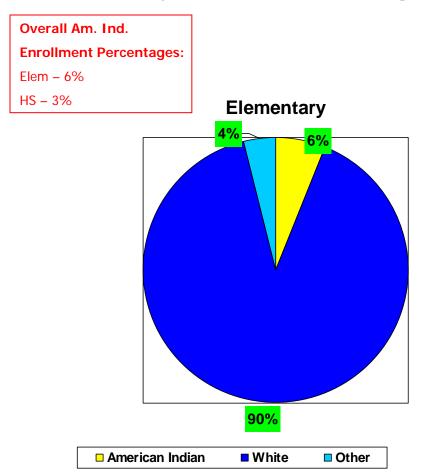
# Discipline / Suspension & Expulsion Rates

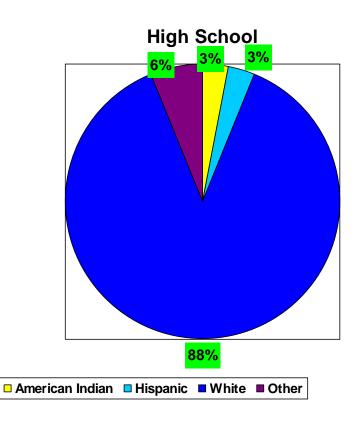




#### Missoula 2008-09 Discipline Rate Comparison

by Racial/Ethnic Origin, Unduplicated Student Count



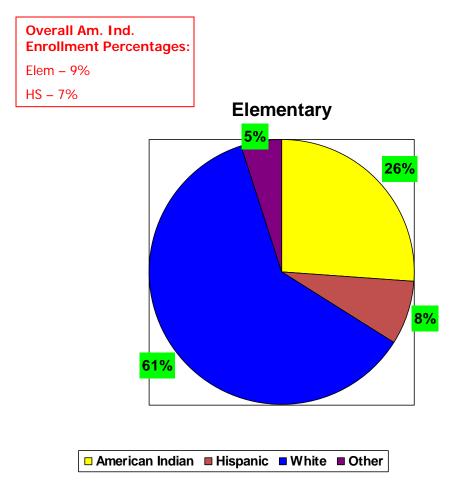


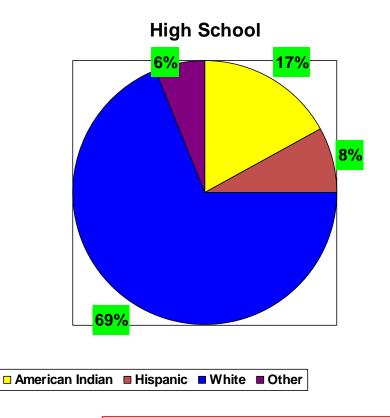


Total Perpetrators: Elementary = 191
High School = 467

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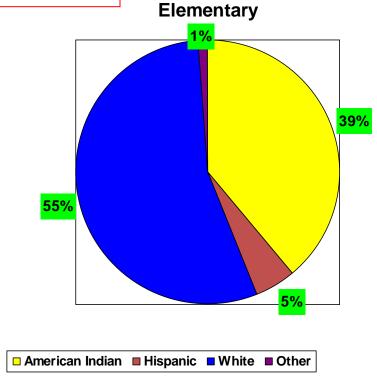


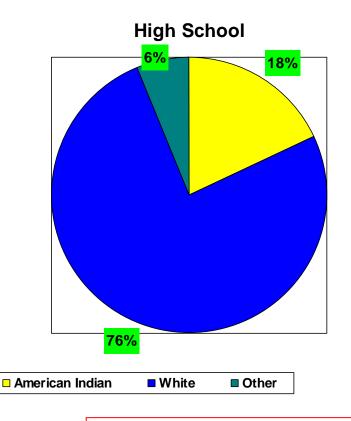
Total Perpetrators: Elementary = 559
High School = 912

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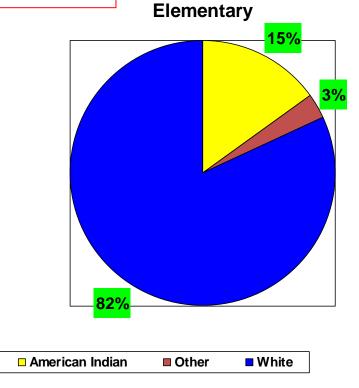


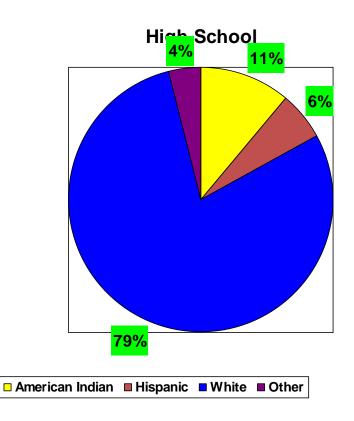
Total Perpetrators: Elementary = 641
High School = 170

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Overall Am. Ind.
Enrollment Percentages:
Elem – 5%
HS – 5%





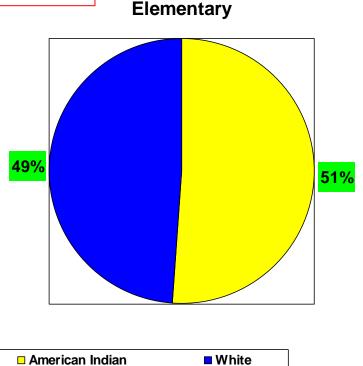


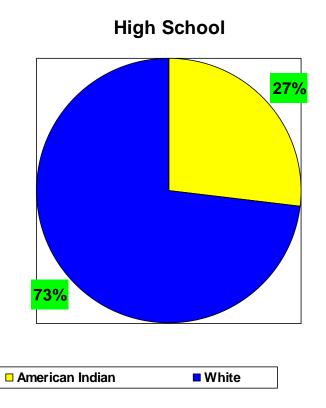
Total Perpetrators: Elementary = 295 High School = 244

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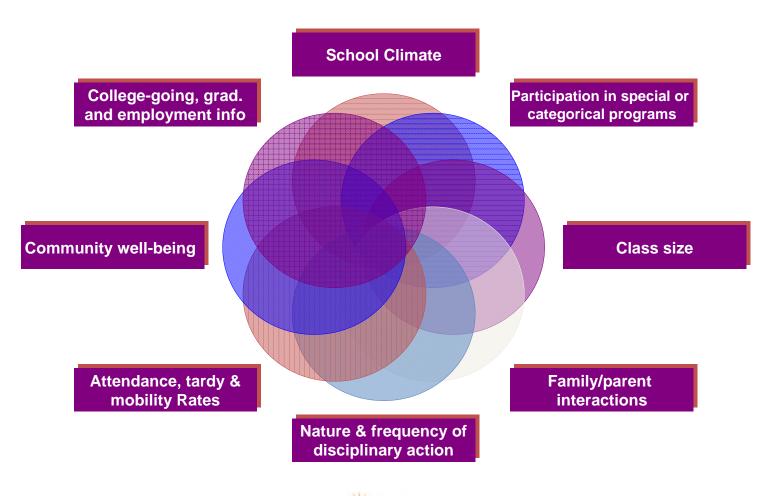




Total Perpetrators: Elementary = 69
High School = 68

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## Special Education Rates





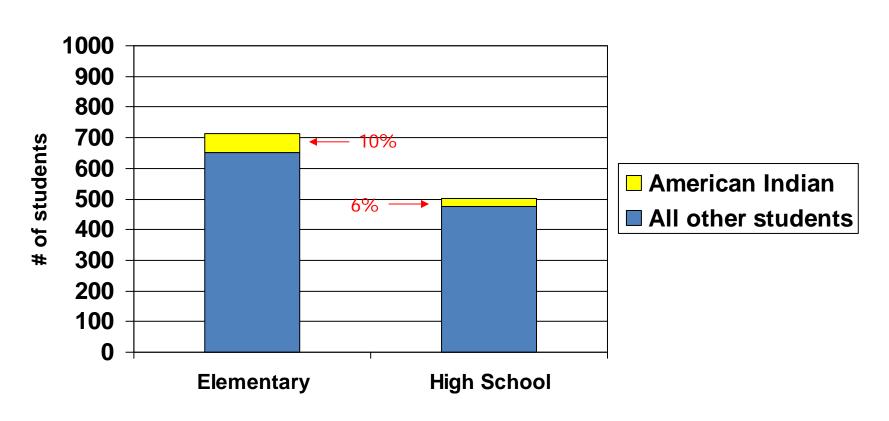
## 2008-09 Percentage of Statewide Child Count by Race/Ethnicity

		<b>Special Education Enrollment</b>	Total K12 Enrollment
•	White	79%	84%
•	American Indian	16%	11%
•	Other	5%	5%



### 2008-09 Missoula Special Education Data

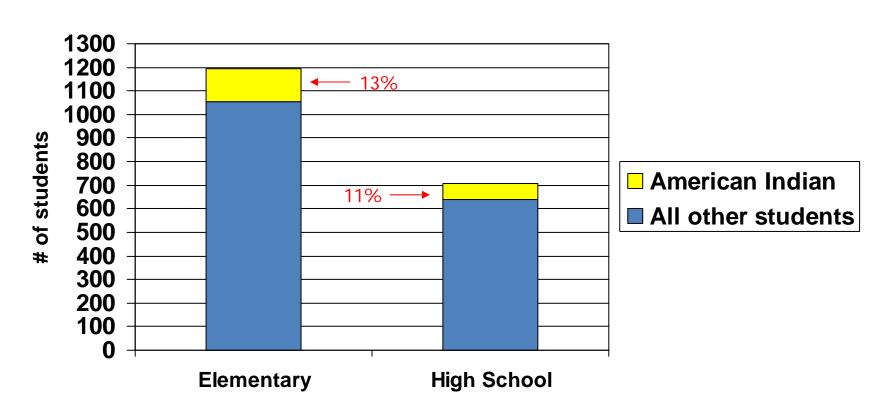
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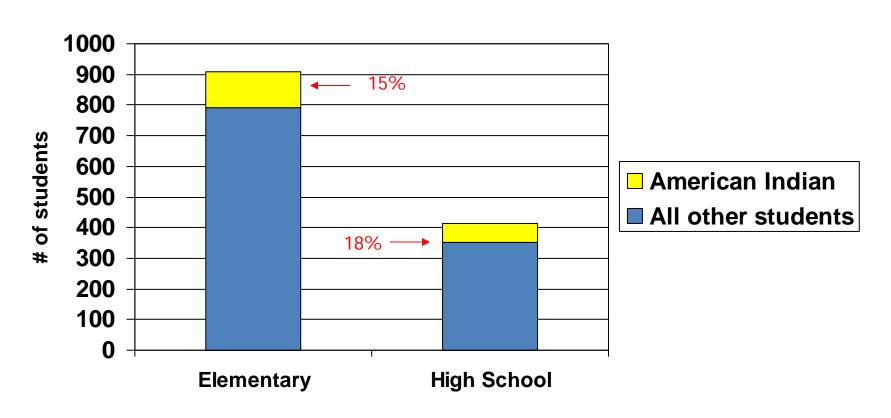
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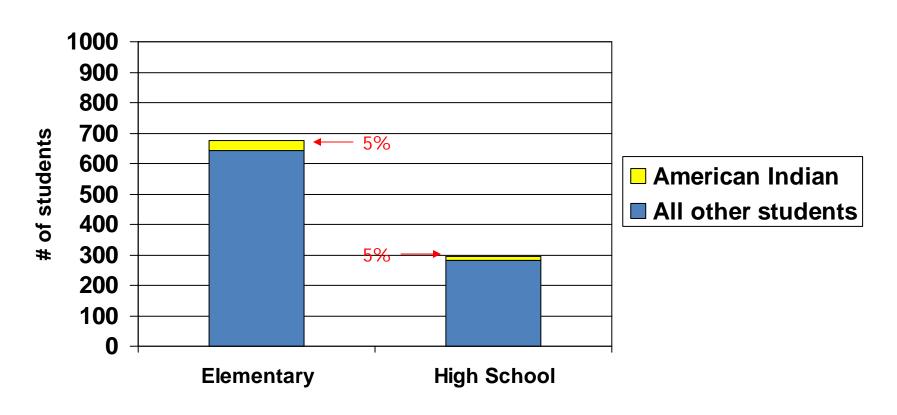
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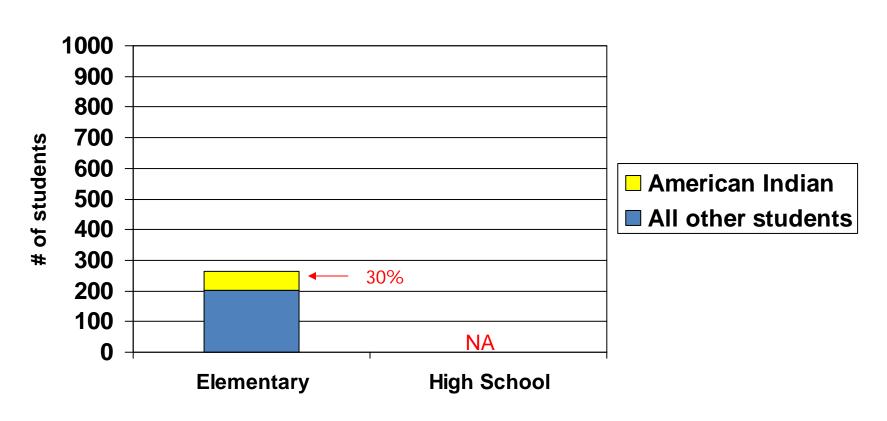
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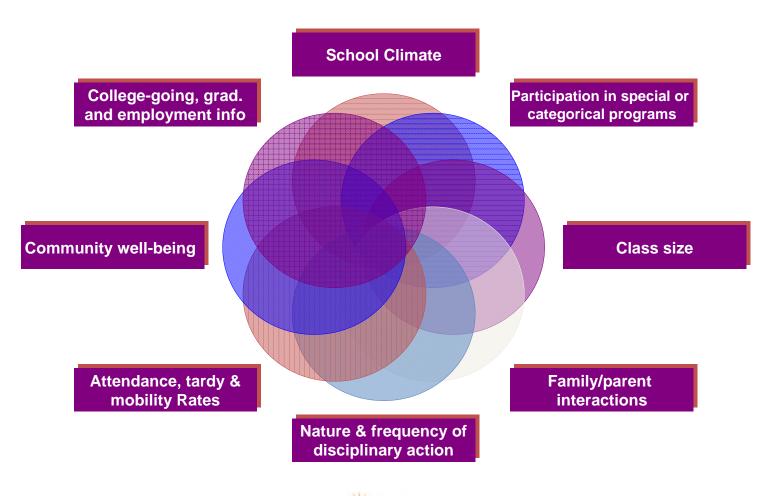
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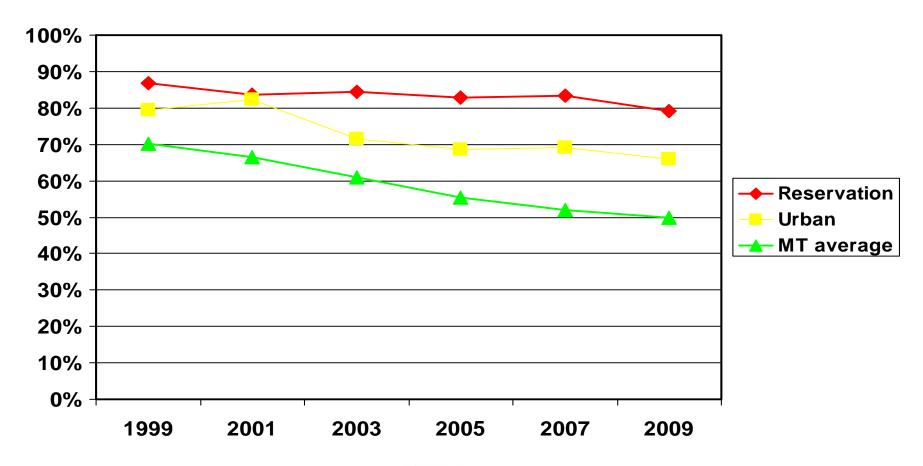
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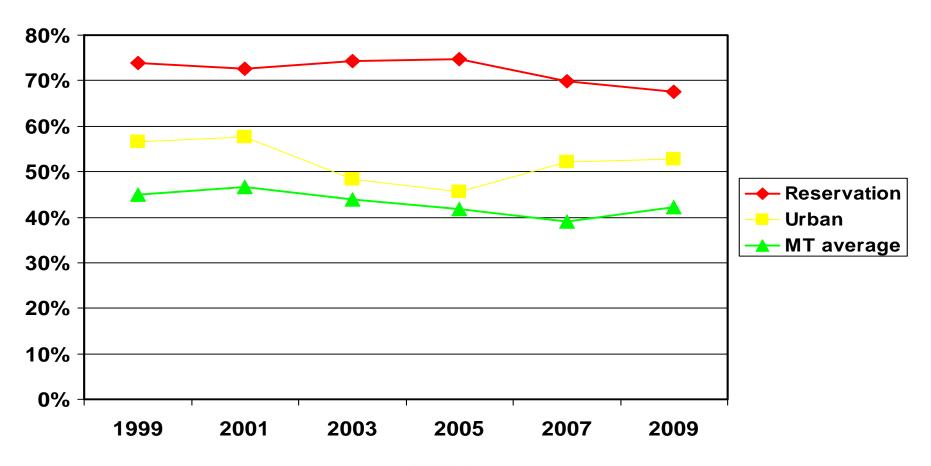
#### YRBS data ...

#### Ever tried cigarette smoking:





#### Used marijuana during their life:





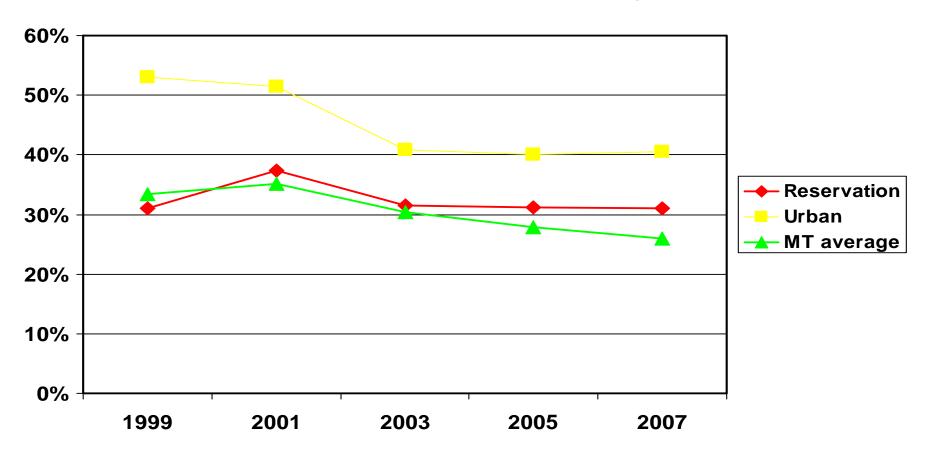
### More YRBS Data

Substance/drug abuse in 2009

	<b>Al Reservation</b>	Al Urban	
Marijuana one or more times in life	68%	53%	
Glue sniffing, inhalants in lifetime	29%	22%	
Cocaine/crack in lifetime	11%	10%	
Methamphetamines	6%	5%	
> Offered, given or sold drugs on scho	ol		
property in past year	25%	28%	

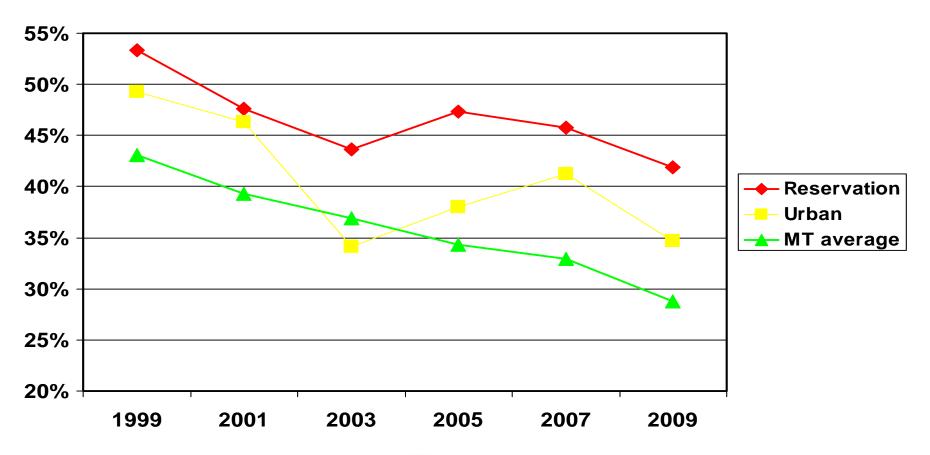


#### Had first drink of alcohol before age 13:



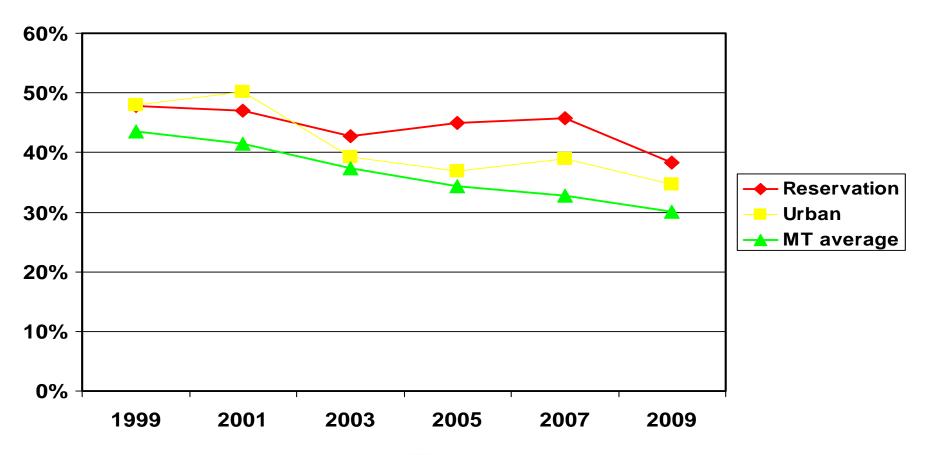


Rode in a car driven by someone who had been drinking alcohol during the past 30 days:



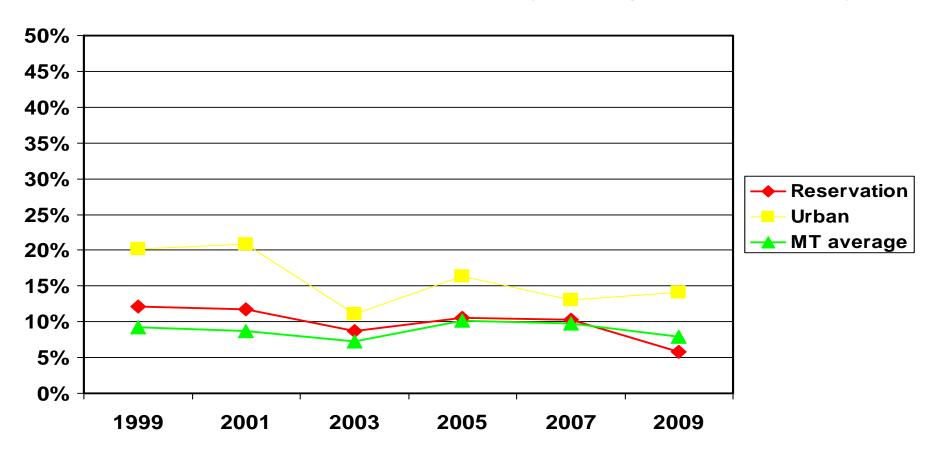


Had five or more drinks of alcohol in a row during the past 30 day ("binge drinking"):



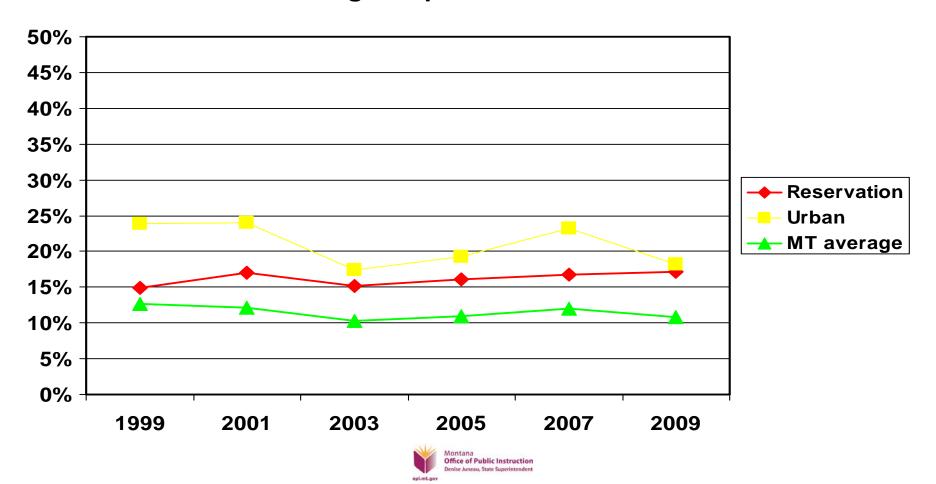


Carried a weapon on school property during the past 30 days:

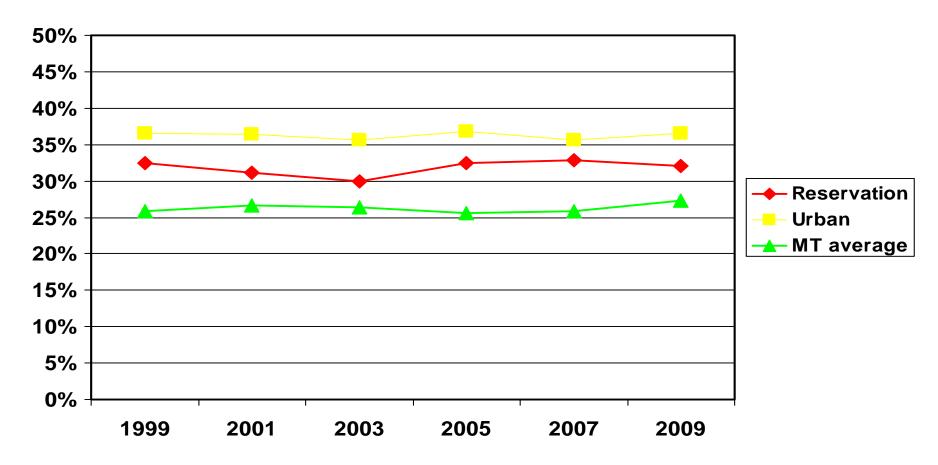




Were in a physical fight on school property during the past 12 months:



Felt so sad or hopeless for two weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities during the past 12 months:

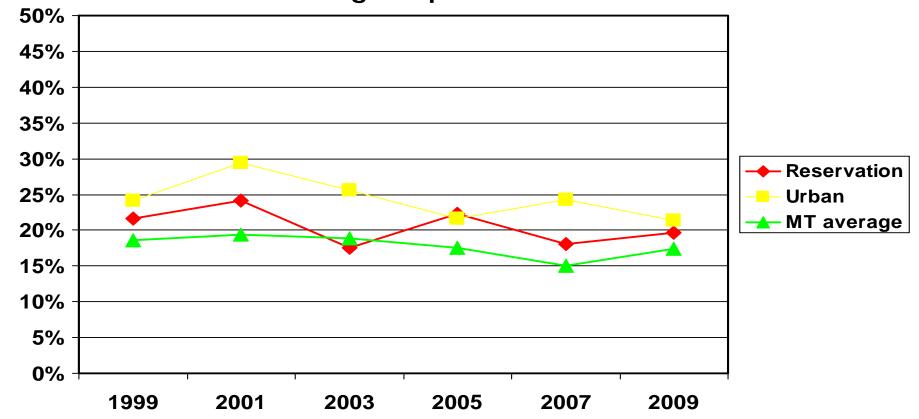




18% of AI on reservations & 17% of AI in urban areas attempted suicide in past 12 months

#### More YRBS data ...

Seriously considered attempting suicide during the past 12 months:





#### Advanced Placement & ACT Data





#### 2009 Montana Advanced Placement Data

	# of exams	Mean Grad	e # of Passing Exa	<u>ıms</u>		
MT Total	4084	3.04	2680			
White	3717	3.05	2461			
American Indian	54	2.2	14			
Asian	90	3.04	58			
Hispanic	76	3.09	49			
	2008: 45 exams, 19 p					

#### 2008-09 Montana ACT Data

Total	# of students 5960	English	Math	Reading	<u>Science</u>
White	5086	21.5	22	23	22
American Indian	313	16.6	17.9	18.8	18.4
Asian	72	22.2	23.1	23.1	23.2
Hispanic	106	20.1	20.7	21.6	20.1



#### Issues & Factors to Consider

Complex Historic & Cultural Issues and a General Lack of Awareness & Understanding

Generational, Concentrated, Isolated and Deep Poverty

Lack of Mental & Emotional Health Supports

Need for greater
Parent/Family/Community
Outreach & Involvement

Lack of Academic Challenge, Rigor & High Expectations

> Urban vs. Rural Schools Issues

High Student Mobility Rates & Retainment Issues

A Need to Focus Efforts on Key Transition Points



## Research and Best Practices for Urban American Indian Education



## Early Childhood Education

- Create or increase opportunities for dialogue between Head Start programs and other providers who serve American Indians with elementary schools.
- "Head Start Impact Study" (2005) US DPHHS
  - ✓ Researchers found positive effects on pre-reading, prewriting, vocabulary and parent reports of children's literacy skills.
  - ✓ At the same time, no significant impacts were found for the constructs of oral comprehension and phonological awareness or early mathematics skills for either 3 or 4 year olds.



#### Climate

✓ What is it about our schools that creates an environment where some kids want to come back for more and others don't?

✓ What are the environmental strengths in your school? How can you capitalize on them??



## Culturally relevant instruction

- Quality instruction has always incorporated local cultural values and traditions
- Students relate best to what they know
- Good instructional leaders can be a bridge for teachers and the local community and culture.



### Student Support Services

- Individual education needs and goals
- Physical Health Needs:
- ✓ Eyeglasses, flu shots, diabetes prevention, etc.
- Mental and Social Needs:
- ✓ Crisis counseling, suicide prevention, career & college preparation



In all cases, a formalized referral process with adequate resources must be established and known by school staff and the community.



# After School and Summer School Programs

The gains experienced over the academic year do not evaporate when children are engaged in enriching summer school experiences.

Participation in enriching after school programs expands the context of learning in the classroom and exposes students to new experiences.

Ensure equity among participation rates.



## Service Learning Projects

- Service-learning can aid students in addressing community problems as a part of their classroom requirements 1
- Experiential learning helps young people develop competencies for the workplace and adult life
- Service learning teaches students problem-solving, critical thinking, decision making, public speaking, teamwork and moral reasoning skills
- Service-learning in K-12 education has proven to increase scores in standardized tests, increase grade point averages, improve overall content knowledge and skills <u>AND increase attendance</u>
- 1 "Deepening Community-Based Learning Through Collaboration and Assessment," Dr. Jean Strait, 2008.
- 2 "Growing to Greatness" from the National Youth Leadership Council, 2007



## Parent & Community Involvement & Outreach

- Historical and social issues often keep American Indian parents from getting involved.
- American Indian community liaison's
- Shifting the paradigm ...



OPI Achievement Gap Initiatives ...

Indian Education For All

Data gathering and analysis

Guidance on resources, PD, services, funding, etc.

**Pilot Projects** 

Indian Student Achievement Initiatives

Statewide System of Support

Response to Intervention

Turnaround
Strategic
Direction

Researching and sharing of best practices



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